

Subject: Re: Westchester Town Center BID Renewal
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Hi Don,

Your Westchester docs are with Rosemary/Miranda. I would give a tentative estimate of it going to Executive staff on Friday. BUT, that is only tentative. I can't give a definite answer.

Your Westwood question is a good one. To my knowledge, we have not yet been served with any paperwork. Our office is the official receiver for all filings of lawsuits against the City; However, I do not believe they are immediately available as public documents. I am not the authority on that, but I think - off the top of my head - that all pending legal matters concerning the City are private matters between the City and the other party(ies) until the outcome is finally determined in a court of law or other legally binding decision. The Brown Act does cover "closed session" items concerning such matters.... BUT I am unsure, at this time, of how our legal counsel would consider any proposed lawsuit regarding Westwood and the public availability of documentation on said proposed lawsuit.

With that said - whatever documents actually become public documents may become available on the Council File Index, which is also maintained by our Office, if they are ever reviewed by City Council. You can see a few other City documents of lawsuit cases by just searching "lawsuit" in the file index. If anything happens with Westwood, some documents would be made available online there. However, the actual filing and case documents would most likely be only made available through an official, formal public records request.

I hope that answers your question.

-Paul

On Wed, May 18, 2011 at 5:17 PM, Donald Duckworth
<duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:

Any news yet?

BTW, do you have a copy of the Westwood lawsuit? I'd like to read it. It's a public doc, right? If you don't have it, where can I get a copy?

Thanks guys!!

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